

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION AT COLUMBUS**

MICHAEL LEE GORDON,

Petitioner, : Case No. 2:25-cv-00433

- VS -

District Judge Douglas R. Cole
Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This is a habeas corpus case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 brought *pro se* by Petitioner Michael Gordon. It is before the Court for preliminary review pursuant to Rule 4 of the Habeas Rules.

Upon preliminary review, the Magistrate Judge finds this Court lacks jurisdiction. As Petitioner himself points out, petitions under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 must be brought in the District where a petitioner is confined (Petition, ECF No. 1-1, PageID 4). Because Petitioner is confined in Iowa, he must seek relief from the Iowa federal court having territorial jurisdiction of his place of confinement.

It is therefore respectfully recommended the Petition be dismissed without prejudice for lack of personal jurisdiction of the proper respondent.

April 25, 2025.

s/ *Michael R. Merz*
United States Magistrate Judge

NOTICE REGARDING OBJECTIONS

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